

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID) payments
Key Decision (decision valued at more than £1million):	Yes
Total Value:	£1,472,678.00 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve collection of the Business Improvement rates via a levy on behalf of the Nottingham Business Improvement DistrictTo approve quarterly payment of those collected rates to the Business Improvement district for 2021/22To approve the back payment of collected rates to the Business Improvement District for the period of January - March 2021
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Nottingham BID is the legally constituted and elected Business Improvement District for the City centre. Their income comes from a levy on the business rates that we collect and pay on after charging an admin fee.The budget is effectively zero, as the income is collected by rates and paid on to the BID after deducting our costs.
Other Options Considered:	Not supporting the BID. Rejected as it benefits the city to have the Nottingham BID and as the legally constituted Business Improvement District, it is the responsibility of NCC to collect the levy and pay onto the BID.
Background Papers:	None

<b>Published Works:</b>	<b>Delegated Decision 4202 Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID) Renewal (April 2021 - December 2025). - May 2021</b>
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	<b>Citywide</b>
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultations:</b>	<b>Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.</b>
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	<b>The Business Improvement District works with City Centre partners such as police, licensing, cleansing etc. The BID supports the work of the city centre team to ensure the city is clean, safe and appealing to visitors and resident.</b>
<b>Equality:</b>	<b>Please login to the system to view the EIA document: BID funding EIA.docx</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Leader's Key Decision</b>
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	<b>13/07/2021</b>
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	<b>Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity</b>
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<b>Nottingham City Council is the billing authority for the purposes of the BID levy. Accordingly, the council is responsible for the collection and application of the BID levy. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 30/06/2021.</b>

**Finance Advice:**

This decision seeks the approval to collect the relevant mandatory income levy from all qualifying businesses within the geographical area on behalf of the Nottingham Business District (BID).

It also seeks approval to allocate those funds to BID on a quarterly basis.

The BID was successfully renewed on January 2021 after the previous 5 year period had ended in December 2020. Due to the timeliness, this decision does span a 15 month period as the BID operates January to December. The decision is to bring the financials in line with the City Councils financial period to 31st March 2022.

It is estimated that within the 15 months, £1.465m will be collected and re-allocated.

The following income receipts are expected as follows:

January to March 2021	£306,970
April to December 2021	£874,281
January to March 2022	£294,427
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,472,678</b>

January to March is an estimation based on a new annual cycle.

NCC act as the administrator for this scheme and is allocated £27.5k each year. The manager has advised that this covers all associated costs and therefore there is no cost/pressure to the MTFP

Any payments made to the BID on a quarterly basis is paid once funds have been received and is not paid in advance so there is minimal risk or impact to the MTFP

Any funding owed at the end of the financial period is accounted for appropriately in line with the relevant accounting treatment. Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Commercial Business Partner) on 23/06/2021.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

There are no impacts to any of the protected characteristics and therefore happy to sign off. Advice provided by Rosey Donovan (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 28/06/2021.

**Signatures:**

David Mellen (Leader/ PH Strategic Regeneration Communications)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/07/2021
Michael Wayne Bexton (Interim CD for Growth & City Development)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/07/2021